

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Date: November 16, 2004

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Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: José M. Sanchez, Chairman; Ronald A. Christensen, Vice-Chairman; Cruz Salas, Member; and, Bryan Chambers, 2nd Chief Deputy County Attorney.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. this date. Supervisor Salas led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dixie Mundy delivered the Invocation.

At this time each Board member presented a brief summary of current events as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431.02(K). No action was taken on any items that were presented.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Christensen, seconded by Supervisor Salas, the Board unanimously voted to table agenda item 3, which was to be a presentation of the quarterly Officer Recognition Award to Eric Ellison of Arizona Department of Public Safety by County Attorney Daisy Flores, as Mr. Ellison was unable to attend the meeting.

Juley Bocardo-Homan, Senior Personnel Analyst, read aloud letters of nomination and presented the November I'MAGE (I'm A Great Employee) awards to the following Gila County employees: Vicki DeAnda and Bob Elliott of the Health Department, and Sharon Radanovich and Michael Ochoa of the Solid Waste Department.

In addressing agenda item 5 to canvass the results of the November 2, 2004, General Election, Chairman Sanchez called on Linda Haught-Ortega, Gila County Recorder, to speak on the voter turnout. Ms. Ortega stated that this was a historic election because of the record voter turnout, especially on the Indian reservations. She praised employee Sadie Dalton on her efforts, as well as Carolyn Brown, Voter Outreach Assistant, who went to the San Carlos Indian Reservation, Canyon Day, and Payson areas to assist in getting the voters out to cast early ballots. Ms. Ortega stated that early ballots issued totaled 8,943, with 8,321 or 93% of those early ballots returned. She also stated that there were 578 provisional ballots cast which were by people who had either requested an early ballot by mail but did not return it, or people who voted but were not on the voting roster. Three hundred of the provisional ballots were for people who requested a ballot by mail but did not vote the early ballot and instead voted at the polling place, and one hundred of the provisional ballots were for people who were not registered to vote in Gila County but were here from Phoenix or Tucson and wanted to vote. Ms. Ortega advised that early voting creates additional work for the Recorder's and Elections departments; however, they are glad to offer the service as it provides citizens an added option for voting. Each Board member complimented the Recorder's and Elections departments for their efforts. Chairman Sanchez then called on Dixie Mundy, Elections Department Director, who requested the Board's canvass of the November 2, 2004, General Election and to declare the results official. Ms. Mundy distributed the election report results to the Board showing the following summaries: 1) Election Summary Report from the Secretary of State's website which showed that Gila County's voter turnout was 79.04%, the second highest in the state; 2) Summary of Early Ballots which totaled 8,315 or 31.06% voting early; 3) Summary of Provisional Ballots which totaled 495 or 1.85% of votes counted; 4) Summary of Early and Provisional Ballots with 8,321 received and 6 rejected; 5) Unofficial Results of Votes Cast at Polling Places, which totaled 12,348 or 46.13% of the total votes; 6) Summary

for Jurisdiction Wide, All Counters, All Races; 7) Summary of Results of Write-In Votes Cast; 8) Summary of Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District; 9) Summary of Votes by County taken from the Secretary of State's website; and, 10) Precinct by Precinct Report of All Votes Cast. The Board members reviewed these reports. Ms. Mundy stated that 1,143 votes were cast within the San Carlos Indian Reservation which was their highest ever voter turnout. She also stated that Gila County employees acted as trouble shooters at all of the polling sites and were invaluable to the voting process. Vice-Chairman Christensen stated that this was an extraordinarily interesting election process this year with a great voter turnout. He stated the election that interested him most was the election of the governing board for the Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District (PSWID). Vice-Chairman Christensen questioned if this newly-elected PSWID Board can actually take responsibility for the duties of the PSWID earlier than January 2005, because the Board of Supervisors (BOS) is currently acting as the PSWID Governing Board. He stated there are statutes that deal with this issue, citing A.R.S. §16-430, and requested an answer to his question in writing from the County Attorney's Office. Chairman Sanchez stated he would address Vice-Chairman Christensen's question to the County Attorney's Office for follow-up. Ms. Mundy also wanted to congratulate Josephine Goode, Voter Outreach Assistant, who has created a glossary of numerous election terms and phrases in the Apache language and also translated a short version of the propositions into Apache. She also stated that the U. S. Department of Justice is very pleased with Ms. Goode's work. Upon motion by Supervisor Salas, seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen, the Board unanimously approved the results of the canvass and declared the November 2, 2004, General Election returns official. **(A copy of the election results is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Upon motion by Supervisor Salas, seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen, the Board convened as the Gila County Library District Board of Directors in order to address agenda item 6, the approval of eight Library

Service Agreements. Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/County Librarian, stated that the Library Service Agreements are the same language as in past years; only the dollar amounts have changed by a 2.5% increase over last year's budget. She stated that the Library Service Agreements are documents that allow cooperating services between the Gila County Library District and the following individual community libraries that are located in unincorporated areas where the County provides the bulk of the funding: 1) Globe Public Library in a matching amount up to \$92,555; 2) Hayden Public Library in a matching amount up to \$66,625; 3) Isabelle Hunt Memorial Library payment of \$76,670; 4) Miami Memorial Library in a matching amount up to \$52,070; 5) Payson Public Library in a matching amount up to \$157,850; 6) San Carlos Public Library in a matching amount up to \$26,035; 7) Tonto Basin Public Library payment of \$46,125; and, 8) Young Public Library payment of \$43,870. Vice-Chairman Christensen spoke on the progress made from the past to the present with regard to the provision of library services. He recommended to the new Board that future consideration should be given by the Board of Supervisors to consolidate some of the libraries; however, he did not specify which libraries should be consolidated. Supervisor Salas and Ms. Griffin entered into a discussion regarding encouraging the San Carlos Apache Tribe to increase its funding contribution to its library for the expansion of services. Ms. Griffin replied that she will make every effort to comply with Supervisor Salas' request, but she advised that funding is limited to the annual County budget. Supervisor Salas thanked Ms. Griffin for all of her efforts to improve library services over the last several years. Upon motion by Supervisor Salas, seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to approve the eight Library Service Agreements as listed above.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Christensen, seconded by Supervisor Salas, the Board reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, updated the Board of Supervisors on the Courthouse Roof Replacement Project and the Access Road Project between the Courthouse and the Four Amigos property. Mr. Stratton advised that the air conditioning/heating units should arrive at any time. He stated that beginning yesterday, portions of the Courthouse were without heat, but within the next 5-10 days all units will be replaced. On the west side of the building, part of the metal has been removed from the roof and the plywood underneath is rotten, so it will be removed and replaced. Mr. Stratton stated that the contractor has been very good to work with, up to this point, and the County will have no liability on this project as it is one hundred percent guaranteed for twenty years. Mr. Stratton then updated the Board on the progress on the Access Road Project between the Courthouse and the Four Amigos property. He stated there was a small drainage problem in the design, but it has now been redesigned to work out the problem. The concrete contract to pour the sidewalks will be awarded this week, the paving will follow, and the parking lot should be completed within three weeks. He also stated the road will be a full-width road with two lanes going in both directions and will have sidewalks and rails on both sides. The parking lot was designed to be an overflow parking area containing 100 parking bumpers.

Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Deputy Director, requested the adoption of Resolution No. 04-11-04 authorizing the Chairman's signature on an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), ADOT File No. JPA-04-097, for construction of improvements on Six Shooter Canyon Road. Mr. Sanders stated the project will be to reconstruct Six Shooter Canyon Road from south of the bridge to the college. He stated the engineer's cost estimate on the project, with the plans 95 percent complete, is approximately \$900,000 with \$1.13 million budgeted for the total project. He also stated this IGA will allow Gila County to bill ADOT for payment in a timely manner. Up motion by Supervisor Salas, seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No.

04-11-04. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Mr. Sanders requested approval of a Professional Engineering Design Services Agreement between the Public Works Division and Tetra Tech, Inc. to design right and left turn deceleration lanes for the Gila County Maintenance Facility on SR 260 east of Star Valley, Arizona. Mr. Sanders stated that the total project will cost \$63,671. Vice-Chairman Christensen stated that this project is in his Supervisorial District and will provide for safer turns. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Christensen, seconded by Supervisor Salas, the Board unanimously approved the Professional Engineering Design Services Agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$63,671.

Vice-Chairman Christensen requested the appointment of Dorothy Little as interim Justice of the Peace of the Payson Regional Justice Court effective November 20, 2004. He stated that Ms. Little will be replacing Judge Ron McDaniel who is retiring as of November 19, 2004. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Christensen, seconded by Supervisor Salas, the Board unanimously appointed Dorothy Little as the interim Justice of the Peace of the Payson Regional Justice Court effective November 20, 2004.

Upon motion by Supervisor Salas, seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, items A through L, as follows:

- A. Authorized to advertise Call for Bids No. 110404-1, an annual contract for all advertising, publications and printing required to be done or made by all departments within Gila County government for the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005.
- B. Authorized the rescheduling of the County Surplus Property Sale to December 3-4, 2004, with a property viewing date of December 2, 2004. (The Public Notice for this sale will be advertised November 24th and December 1st in the Arizona Silver Belt newspaper).

- C. Approved the Public Works Division Policy No. DPW04-17, Regulation of Signs within the County Right of Way.
- D. Authorized the Finance Department to submit a Public Sector Application to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. for the purpose of replacing the County's current credit card banking institution.
- E. Approved Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. HG352192 between the Gila County Health Department and the Arizona Department of Health Services increasing funding for the Immunization Services Program.
- F. Approved two separate General Services Contracts between the Health and Community Services Division and Central Arizona Association of Governments to provide services for adults and youth as required under the Workforce Investment Act, as follows: 1) WIA Title 1 - Adults for Program Year July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005, and 2) WIA Title 1 – Youth for Program Year April 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005.
- G. Approved the appointments of the following precinct committeemen to the Gila County Republican Committee: Sylvia Kuras, James B. Rasmussen, David Richard Mumma, Travis Livengood, Janeen Carter, Jeffrey Dell Carter, Frank Wilson Howard, Blair Charles Meggitt, Cheryl Lynn Wait, Carl Kay Bell, David R. Ross, Spencer Lee Roth, Norman Ruth Alexander, T. T. Tatum, Don M. Ascoli, Tommie Ray Trampp, James Gordon Duncan, Sandra Louise Human, Patricia Tynes Johnson, Norman Wallace Glaser, Robert Walter Hibbert, June Elizabeth Schranz, Jack Fritz Schranz and Francis Jean Crout.
- H. Approved the September 2004 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Gila County Recorder, and the October 2004 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Globe and Payson Regional Constables and Globe and Payson Regional Justices of the Peace.
- I. Approved the October 12, 2004, and October 26, 2004, Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes.

- J. Approved finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of November 15, 2004. (separate handout)

November 15, 2004:

\$408,232.52 was disbursed for County expenses by voucher numbers X142656 through X142747 and X359925 through X360233. \$29,992.99 was disbursed for election workers by voucher numbers X360237 through X360279 and X360281 through X360520. The hand-issued warrants listing is as follows: voucher no. X359923 in the amount of \$115,742.62 and X359924 in the amount of \$8,352.98.

- K. Approved personnel reports/actions for the week of November 15, 2004.

November 15, 2004:

Departure From County Service:

1. Clerk – Clerk of Superior Court – 11-12-04 – General Fund
Crystal Myrick – temporary position
2. Juvenile Detention Officer I – Probation – 10-22-04 – General Fund
John Mata – Hire 10-06-04 – Resigned for other employment
3. Justice of the Peace - Payson Justice of the Peace – 11-19-04 – General Fund - Ronnie McDaniel – Hire 01-01-65 – Retirement

Position Review:

4. Anniversary Date Increase – 11-01-04 – Vicki Aguilar, Gail Widner, Patricia Yarger
5. Anniversary Date Increase – 11-15-04 – Genevieve Martinez, Robert Campbell, Loretta Puzzi

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Position Review:

6. Promotion – Lead Detention Officer – Payson S.O. – 11-15-04 – General Fund - Michelle Daly
7. Promotion – Lead Detention Officer – Globe S.O. – 11-15-04 – General Fund - Julia Grinder

- 8. Promotion – Lead Detention Officer – Globe S.O. – 11-15-04 – General Fund - Christine Duarte
- 9. Anniversary Date Increase – 11-01-04 – Bianco DalMolin, Virgilio Dodd
- L. Authorized Terri Stolty Luke to operate a hot dog cart at the Payson County Complex once or twice a week. (The applicant is fully licensed with the Town of Payson and the Gila County Health Department and has a \$1M Certificate of Liability Insurance for this business).

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

José M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

John F. Nelson, County Manager/Clerk